



The Anglican Parish of Greater Hastings

Order of Service for 6th September 2026

The Twenty-third Sunday of Ordinary Time

Eucharistic Liturgy - Thanksgiving of the People of God
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Presider: Grace and peace to you from God.
God fill you with truth and joy.

We stand

Opening Hymn: In the name of Christ we gather

AA69 – Words: Shirley Murray - [Church Hymnary \(4th ed.\) 677 | Hymnary.org](#)
Alt tune: **Westminster Abbey** [CP207]

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| <p>1 In the name of Christ we gather,
in the name of Christ we sing,
as we celebrate the promise
of your servant's offering,
here ordained to lead God's people
at the Gospel's beckoning.</p> <p>2 Sons and daughters of the Spirit,
these are called to teach and care,
called as were the first disciples,
commonwealth of Christ to share,
by the bread and wine and water
sacraments of grace declare.</p> | <p>3 In the ministry of preaching
may the Word spring into life;
in the time of doubt and challenge,
may its truth affirm belief;
in the day of pain and darkness,
heal the hurt of guilt and grief.</p> <p>4 Word of joy, enlivening Spirit,
more than lover, parent, friend,
born in Jesus, born in Mary,
born in us, that love extend,
grow within your chosen servants,
life of God that has no end!</p> |
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The Presider may greet the people informally before continuing

The Gathering of the Community

Page 404: This is the day ...

Page 405: Almighty God ...
Glory to God in the highest ...

Page 406: Hear the teaching of Christ ...

Page 407: Hear God's word to all ...

Page 408: The peace of Christ ...

Sentence: 'Where two or three are gathered in my name,'
says the Lord, 'I am there among them.' *Matthew 18:20*

Collect: Creator God,
**you have made us
not in one mould, but in many:
so deepen our unity in Christ
that we may rejoice in our diversity.
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.
Amen.**

Reading: **Ezekiel 33: 7-11** - *The prophet's responsibility*
Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 119:33-40 (ANZPB)

- 33 Teach me Lord the way of your statutes:
and in keeping them I shall have my reward.
- 34 **Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law:
I shall keep it with all my heart.**
- 35 Make me walk in the path of your commandments:
for that is my desire.
- 36 **Incline my heart to your instruction:
and away from covetous desires.**
- 37 Turn away my eyes from what is empty and false:
and give me life in your way.

- 38 **Fulfil your promise to your servant:
your promise to those who fear you.**
- 39 Turn away from me the scorn that I dread:
for your judgments are very good.
- 40 **How I long for your precepts:
in your righteousness give me life.**

Reading: **Romans 13: 8-14** - *Live honourably as in the day*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
Thanks be to God.

We stand to sing the Gradual hymn

Gradual Hymn: ***Christ has called us to new visions***

*Words: Jane Parker Huber - © 1982 Westminster John Knox Press
Community of Christ Sings #566 - Tune: **Nettleton***

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| <p>1 Christ has called us to new visions,
here to celebrate and praise,
here confess our old divisions,
here our peace petitions raise.
Come repentant, come forgiving,
come in joy and hope and prayer.
Christ, once crucified, now living,
bids us faith and love to share.</p> <p>2 As we listen to each other,
as we speak in joy and pain,
we become as sister, brother,
reconciled, at one again.
Only thus in work and feeling
for our neighbour far or near
can we worship God revealing
gifts of grace among us here.</p> | <p>3 All creation struggles, yearning
for a time of true shalom,
are we trying, are we learning
now to make the earth our home?
For the hungry and despairing,
for the poor of all the earth,
make us partners, burdens sharing,
bringing all a sense of worth.</p> <p>4 Christ still calls us, young and aging,
men and women, bound and free,
colours, talents, thoughts engaging,
joined in one community.
Christ remoulding, healing, leading,
sins forgiven! Life restored!
Let us live, God's justice heeding,
strengthened by our risen Lord.</p> |
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We remain standing for the reading of the Gospel

Gospel Reading: **Matthew 18: 15-20** - Reconciliation in the community of faith

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew,
chapter eighteen, beginning at the fifteenth verse.

Praise and glory to God.

After the reading: This is the Gospel of Christ.

Praise to Christ, the Word.

The Sermon

*There may be a brief moment of silence and/or a musical reflection following the Sermon;
then we stand*

The Affirmation of Faith

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The Nicene Creed

Prayers of the People

(adapted from 'Let Us Pray' - Janet Nelson)

Loving God, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

In a moment of silence,
we pray for ourselves and our ministries:

Silence

Lord, you have called us to serve you.

Grant that we may walk in your presence:

your love in our hearts,

your truth in our minds,

your strength in our wills;

until, at the end of our journey,

we know the joy of our homecoming

and the welcome of your embrace,

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Ministry of the Sacrament

We stand

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The peace of Christ ...

We may share a sign of Christ's peace with those around us by shaking hands (or appropriate alternative) and/or by saying "Peace be with you".

As we sing the next Hymn, the bread and wine are brought to the altar; our offerings for the Foodbank and money to support ministry and mission are collected and presented also.

Offertory Hymn: The Love of God comes close

SG186 – Words: John Bell & Graham Maule ©WCRG Iona Community

Alt.tune: **Love Unknown**

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| <p>1 The love of God comes close
where stands an open door,
to let the stranger in,
to mingle rich and poor.
The love of God is here to stay,
embracing those who walk
the Way.</p> <p>2 The peace of God comes close
to those caught in the storm,
forgoing lives of ease
to ease the lives forlorn.
The peace of God is here to stay,
embracing those who walk
the Way.</p> | <p>3 The joy of God comes close
where faith encounters fears,
where heights and depths of life
are found through smiles and tears.
The joy of God is here to stay,
embracing those who walk
the Way.</p> <p>4 The grace of God comes close
to those whose grace is spent,
when hearts are tired or sore
and hope is bruised and bent.
The grace of God is here to stay,
embracing those who walk
the Way.</p> |
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- 5 The Son of God comes close
where people praise his name,
where bread and wine are blest
and shared as when he came.
The Son of God is here to stay,
embracing those who walk
the Way.**

The Preparation of the Gifts

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The Great Thanksgiving

Page 420 The Lord is here ...

The Lord's Prayer

Page 424 Our Father in heaven ...

The Invitation

Page 427 Draw near and receive ...

*Communion will be served at standing stations at the Sanctuary steps - all are welcome to receive the bread and wine at communion, (however please note that intinction, ie dipping the wafer into the wine chalice, is **NOT** permitted); although you are welcome to receive the bread only if you prefer, or to come forward for a blessing only.*

If you need communion served to you in your seat, please indicate to the servers.

Prayer after Communion

Page 429 Almighty God, giver of all good things ...

The Blessing

The peace of God which passes all understanding
keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus
and the blessing of God our Creator,
Redeemer and Giver of life be with you always.
Amen.

We share any notices and news

Closing Hymn: **Lord, Whose Love In Humble Service**

Words: Albert F. Bayly (1961) – GIA Publications © Oxford University Press

Alt. tune: Hyfrydol

- 1 Lord, whose love in humble service
bore the weight of human need,
who upon on the cross, forsaken,
offered mercy's perfect deed;
we, your servants bring the worship
not of voice alone, but heart:
consecrating to your purpose
every gift which you impart.
- 2 Still your children wander homeless;
still the hungry cry for bread;
still the captives long for freedom;
still in grief we mourn our dead.
As you, Lord, in deep compassion
healed the sick and freed the soul,
use the love your Spirit kindles
still to save and make us whole.
- 3 As we worship, grant us vision,
till your love's revealing light,
in its the height and depth and greatness
dawns upon our human sight:
making known the needs and burdens
Your compassion bids us bear,
stirring us to faithful service,
Your abundant life to share.
- 4 Called from worship into service
forth in your great name we go,
to the child, the youth, the aged,
love in living deeds to show;
hope and health, good will and comfort,
counsel, aid, and peace we give
that your children, Lord, in freedom,
may your mercy know, and live.

The Dismissal

Go now to love and serve the Lord. Go in peace.
Amen. We go in the name of Christ.



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